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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Up 9 Percent in July

HARRISBURG, PA, Aug 24, 2007 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during July 2007 totaled 103.9 million pounds, up 9 percent from July 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 98.5 million pounds live weight, was up 19 percent from July 2006. Total head slaughtered was 79,800, up 16 percent. Live weight averaged 1,243 pounds, up 35 pound from last year. Veal production was 5.3 million pounds live weight, up 1 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 14,000 head was up 2 percent from last year. Average live weight decreased 6 pounds to 375 pounds.

Pork production was 56.5 million pounds live weight, down slightly from last year. Total head slaughtered was 225,700, down 1 percent from July 2006. Average live weight increased 2 pound from last year to 250 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during July 2007 was 437,000 pounds live weight, up 4 percent. The number slaughtered was 4,400, down 2 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 5 pounds to 99 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in July 2007 totaled 3.94 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the 3.79 billion pounds produced in July 2006. Compared with a year earlier beef production, dressed weight basis, at 2.26 billion pounds, was up 2 percent. Veal production totaled 10.7 million pounds, down 5 percent from July a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.66 billion pounds, up 7 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.5 million pounds, was up 2 percent from July 2006.

January-July red meat production was 27.5 billion pounds, up 2 percent from July 2006. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was up 4 percent, pork was up 2 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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